

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

Arts Commission MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 22, 2015

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

<input type="checkbox"/> Shelley Brittingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dane Johnson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alistair Christopherson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Justin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erik Christopherson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Salmon
<input type="checkbox"/> Sybil Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine Wendland

Sybil Davis and Shelley Brittingham are excused.

Staff Present:

Debbie Zemke, Recreation Manager

Minutes

Meeting called to order. August 25, 2015 minutes were approved.

Arts and Culture Grants

Kathy gave an update on the 2016 grant review process which was held on September 16. She explained that the majority of grant funding has traditionally been allocated for sustained support of Burien's art organizations. Current funding amount is \$20,000. There were two new applicants this year. This year, there was some funding allocated to every applicant. The Commission discussed the pros and cons of having a required 10 minute presentation by each of the groups. The list of applicants and recommended allocations will be brought to the October meeting for a vote.

Summit Discussion

The planned conversation with Deb Twersky of 4 Culture that was originally scheduled for tonight was postponed due to Deb being unexpectedly unable to attend tonight's meeting. This will be rescheduled for a later date. Kathy explained that the purpose of having this discussion is to determine if the Commission wants to facilitate another gathering of local arts organizations and artists. The Commission would also like to get examples from Deb on other arts spaces that are being created around the county. One possible goal of the Summit would be to find out if additional relationship-building between our arts organizations might be desirable and how the Commission can better facilitate that.

Area of Focus Reports

Education—no report.

Public Art—Debbie shared information on the pending discussion with Council on the current 1% for Public Art ordinance. She distributed a document that explained which capital projects qualify for the 1% calculation in 12 other jurisdictions. Some calculate 1% on the majority of CIP projects, not just parks, new buildings, and transit centers, which are those currently eligible in Burien's ordinance. Two cities allocate funding for public art by setting aside a dollar amount per resident. For example, the City of Kent sets aside \$2 per budget year for each city resident. Commissioners requested that staff bring more information to the October meeting. They would

like to know what the average annual CIP funding is in Burien's budget. This will give them a better idea of how much funding the 1% calculation would result in if more CIP projects were eligible other than parks, new buildings, and transit centers.

Meeting Schedule

The Commission voted to have their regularly-scheduled meeting on November 24. As with previous years, there will be no meeting scheduled in December.

Staff Report

Arts-a-Glow—Kathy reported that this year's event was another huge success, with the crowd possibly being the largest yet, with approximately 2500 people attending. Each year, event organizers try and make the event a little different. This year, the decision was made to 'tone it down' by having a more subdued feeling, with a bagpipe musician leading the procession and a smaller music group on the stage. The intent also was to put music in the lower level of the park so that more people would go to that area and experience the artwork. Square dancing was scheduled earlier in the evening and also a big hit. People from all different age groups were happily participating in the activities. All of the food trucks had strong sales. Because vendors did so well and lines were long, an additional truck will be added next year.

Additional items

There was discussion about having an informal, social get-together with the Commissioners, Council, and staff sometime after the new year.

The meeting was adjourned.